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BASED ON COMBINED SHORTWAVE-

SATELLITE TRANSMISSION

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Sir:

The undersigned states that the materials listed on the attached PTO 1449, and enclosed herewith, include the closest materials of which the undersigned is aware.

publications listed cited in the attached The were International Search Report and an English Translation thereof, which categorizes them and lists the claims to which they apply.

It is assumed that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office obtained copies of all these documents through international However, if copies are required, the Patent Trademark Office is requested to telephone the undersigned, and copies thereof will be sent to the PTO.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that copies of the enclosed Forms PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Respectfully submitted,

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